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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Distinguished delegates,

It is a pleasure to share a few remarks in my national capacity on the Space2030 Agenda, a vision Slovenia strongly supports and aligns with.

Slovenia has developed a vibrant and growing space sector, driven by active contributions from both industry and academia. In 2023, we adopted our national Space2030 Strategy, fully aligned with the goals of the UN Space2030 Agenda.

Our strategy is built around five strategic pillars, reflecting both our programmatic priorities and our enabling ambitions:

- 1. Advancing space technologies and R&D, including next-generation capabilities in satellite communication—both for Earth and future deep-space missions.*
- 2. Expanding participation in international exploration and research, by contributing to responsible, collaborative missions—human and robotic.*

3. *Promoting the development and uptake of space applications, supporting a more sustainable, innovative, and competitive economy.*

4. *Securing the next generation of talent, by promoting STEM education, enhancing university curricula, and engaging young professionals.*

5. *Boosting entrepreneurship and innovation, by supporting start-ups, SMEs, and spin-offs through dedicated national and international programmes.*

These pillars guide our long-term policy objectives. They reflect our understanding that space is not only a domain of scientific achievement, but also a key enabler of progress in many other areas.

Slovenia's ecosystem includes highly ranked universities and research institutions that play an essential role in space science and education. We see this as a major asset and are working to position Slovenia as a thought leader in space research, particularly within our region.

Yet challenges remain. Attracting and retaining talent in STEM and the space sector is a known issue, as is access to funding—both public and private. Our strategy directly addresses these barriers, with targeted efforts to grow a supportive environment for education, innovation, and commercial development.

Mr. Chair, distinguished delegates,

Slovenia is committed to the shared goals of the Space2030 Agenda. Through collaboration, innovation, and strategic investment, we aim to strengthen our contributions to the global space community and to the broader goals of sustainable development.

Thank you for your attention.